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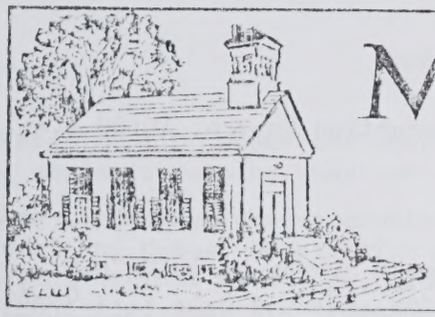

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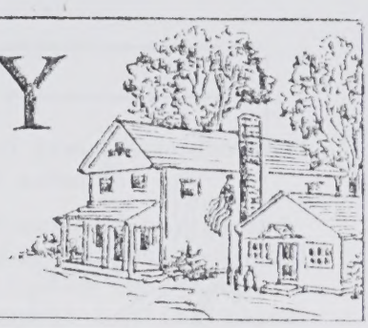

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O U R T O W N

Highway Maintenance

In a letter sent to Senators Brooke and Kennedy, Congressman Conte and several others (including President Carter) Monterey Selectmen protested the fact that the Highway Trust Fund earmarked billions of dollars for road building and none for road maintenance. The letter, authorized at the 1977 Town Meeting, suggested that funds be distributed by a formula which includes the number of miles of road in each town, Monterey has less need for new roads than it has for more intensive maintenance of the condition of its present 48 miles of roads.

Earlier in the summer, Monterey went on record as approving a bill introduced by Senator Edward Kennedy to abolish the Highway Trust Fund. Kennedy's recommendation was that transportation appropriations be made through the regular congressional process, with greater freedom for states and local jurisdictions to decide their own transportation priorities. The bill, emphasizing the lack of funds for Rapid Transit in the state, was defeated, but it is noteworthy that Monterey was one of the few rural communities which bothered to speak out on the issue.

Senator Kennedy Replies

The Selectmen received a very nice reply from Senator Kennedy thanking them for their letter regarding the Highway Trust Fund and saying that the letter contained information of which he was unaware, and which will be useful to him in the future.

For an example of what road maintenance involves, Monterey recently blacktopped a stretch of Route 23 between Hupi Road and the Otis line and a piece of New Marlborough Road between Wellman Road and a point a little past Tryon's farm. For the 11 hours it took to do this work the Town spent $19,500.00.

Recycling Re-installed in Monterey

Monterey once again has a recycling program. Thomas Boinay from Sheffield has agreed to pick up and process bottles, paper, aluminum and magazines. Barrels and signs have been set up at the Town Dump. There is no provision yet for iron and other metals, but townspeople will surely be gratified to know that most recyclable wastes are no longer going down the drain.

A Note from the Tax Collector

Henry Makuc, Monterey Tax Collector, reminds all taxpayers that the first installment of the 1978 real estate tax bills mailed September 1 must be paid by November 1, 1977. Bills not paid by November 1 will draw interest at 10% from October 1. This is an increase in the interest rate.

Questions about assessments should be made to the Board of Assessors.

New Fire Hose

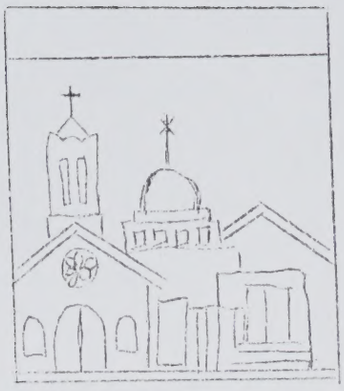
A bid for a new hose for the fire department was awarded to Conway Associates at a total price of $7,447.70.

New Planning Board Member

Bette Seigerman has resigned from the Planning Board. Selectmen and Planning Board members voted on October 3 to fill the vacancy. William Brockman was selected as the new appointee.

Lake Lowered

The level of Lake Garfield will be lowered by stages, beginning October 29.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church, 10:00 a.m., each Sunday.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes — Morning worship each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. . . . Kindergarten Sunday, 10:30 a.m. . . . Grades 1-4 Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. . . . The wedding of Kenneth Kahn and Laurel Spak took place at their home on Sept. 25. *

Kirkentan — A festival of the Church is being celebrated by the Western Area of the Massachusetts Conference at Greenfield on October 30. Many "events' will be taking place at the same time. Our pastor will be leading a seminar on "Loneliness as a Spiritual Prod." We look for a large delegation from our community to attend.

Bible Study — Some form of a community Bible study group is in the process of being formed. The Parish Council has been studying the matter. A good bit of interest has been expressed in finding an approach that will stress the Bible as a lively resource for today's living. A meeting for all interested in searching for the most meaningful pattern to follow is being held Tuesday, October 18, 7:30 p.m., at the Hadley Simons' home.

U.N.I.C.E.F. Halloween Celebration — The Parish Council gave its endorsement to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund celebration, to be held on Halloween. The belief was expressed that this is a community endeavor that should be able to draw wide support for a most important project. The decision was made for the church to give added encouragement to this project this year.

* Rob Ensign and Chelsea Brinson were married on September 14.

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies — Monterey Brownies held their first meeting October 6 under the leadership of Maureen Bradley and Nancy Kolodner. New Brownies are Nancy Bynack, Shelby Loder, Solveig Shmulsky, Jennifer Walk and Leland Williams. Michelle Grotz is a second year Brownie. The meeting was primarily an introduction to scouting, the girls being taught the Promise and the Song. There will be an investiture ceremony for new Brownies on October 20, to which parents are invited.

Juniors — About half-a-dozen girls, 4th to 6th grade, are anxiously looking for a leader. Some of these girls have already been a year without a Scout troop. Anyone interested in helping this bunch of charmers call Maureen Bradley, 528-0782.

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts — The theme for the month is "Indians," with emphasis on local history. The Monterey Den visited the Stockbridge graveyard and made rubbings from Chief Konkapot's monument, as well as from some of the first settlers of Massachusetts. The boys are making costumes, drums and other such items. Sometime this month there will be a field trip to Nature's Classroom at New England Keswick.

4-H NEWS

The Monterey Piston Poppers, a small engine club, has begun to meet every other Friday (beginning October 7) in the church basement. John Ryder is the leader.

The 4-H Cookie Sale is now underway. The campaign will be door-to-door, and cookies sell for $1.00 a box.

MONTEREY YOUTH GROUP

A newly reorganized Monterey Youth Group has been formed for youth who are in the 5th to 8th grade age group. After two meetings it is clear that a lively and enthusiastic group is underway. There are 14 currently involved -- and the promise of more to come.

The group is being led by Dr. Virgil Brallier, and he has stated the intention that it shall be a group that both works hard and plays hard. Last week the group unanimously chose its course of study. It is called "Identity." Its intention is to help young people in the course of self-discovery within the context of faith and community.

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WHERE HAS ALL THE POWER GONE?

We keep hearing about the energy crisis. There is a lot of high level concern that our world is running short of fuel. This is a proper cause for concern.

There is another energy problem, however, tnat also should be receiving our attention. Any casual observation will reveal that our human energy is subject to widely varying degrees of change. There is evidence that, in our particular age, many persons find they are "running out of steam." Time and again people confide to me that they drag themselves through their days. There is barely energy enough for getting by with the minimum required of them. We could tackle this problem by discussing nutrition, yet it seems clear that lack of the necessary food (fuel) is seldom the basic problem.

I would propose that one of the most serious causes of energy shortage in persons comes from reducing the dimensions by which they live. The more we become one-dimensional, the less energy we create. The more we broaden the dimensions touching our lives, the more energy starts to flow. If I reduce the dimensions of my life so that all I have is my work, it becomes more and more difficult to generate the energy to do that work. Many are the persons who can bear witness that they cut out one thing after another so they could better give attention to their work. But behold, the process backfires. Their false "energy economy" reduces the power that is available to them.

We humans are much more multi-faceted than we ordinarily allow ourselves to believe. Recent studies on the human brain speak about the left brain and the right brain. In ets simplest statement, one side controls our thinking and the other our feeling. We all have the tendency to develop one side and neglect the other. To do this is immediately to reduce our power. Energy comes from an active interplay between these two major functions in the brain.

I think most of us will be aided not so much from a study of how the brain functions, but by observing the flow of our own lives more carefully. It is so easy to start paring down our lives, trying to conserve energy by reducing interests and involvements. A certain amount of this is necessary. or our lives become cluttered with a kind of busyness that uses energy but doesn't create it. My plea is for the interplay of the different strands. It is from this that energy is generated.

The person who has many irons in the fire will almost invariably have more energy than the person who has a much more narrowed range of concerns to care about. This is especially true when these various "irons" call forth different dimensions from within the person.

In our day we have become too sensible to try being Leonardo da Vincis. Leornardo spread himself over the whole range of human knowledge and interests. His accomplishments stagger the mind. Yet it now becomes clear to us that his prodigious achievenebts were directly in proportion to the many strands of his personality he sought to draw upon. Let us bot discuss the matter simply by saying that Leonardo was a genius, and this accounts for it all. Much of his genius came into play because of the way he saw and used himself. I know of myself that I am no da Vinci, but I can see his genius at play in my own person. The more I reduce the vision of who I am, the less power will flow from me; the more I broaden the view of myself and act upon it, the more power becomes available to me. I do not know any other laboratory from which I can get such clear information in these matters as from my own self.

I wonder if each of you may not find this so. Try observing yourself. Look at yourself when you are having a power shortage. Look to see if that is not a time when you are flattened out, with your interests and involvements reduced. Observe yourself, also, when you are full of energy. Look to see if you are not using a wider range of your whole person. Someone will protest, but how do we know which is cause and which is effect? Ah yes, I will not deny that low energy may cause me to narrow my interests and involvements. But I have also learned that a wheel can turn both ways. Once I have observed a direct relationship between energy and the range of my involvements, then my next task is to see if we may not be dealing with a two-way street. My conviction is that this is a heavily trafficked two- way street

Let me put it quite another way. If it should really be that spirit shapes and forms matter, then it is important for me to know that what flows from me is going to give shape to the world around me. If it is the other way around, and the shape of matter determines spirit, then we might just as well throw in the towel. But have you ever noticed how few of us really will finally throw in the towel? Not many, really. Why is that.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

The annual meetings of the William J. Gould Associates, Inc., and of the Board of Directors were held at Gould Farm October 8 and 9. 27 members of the corporation -- or "associates," as we call them -- were present, in spite of heavy rains. 17 of them are also Directors. Elected as associates for a six-year term are the Rev. Judith Hoehler, Assistant Minister of the First Parish (Unitarian-Universalist), Weston, Massachusetts, and member of organizations involved in mental health in the Boston area; the Rev. Cory Loder, member of the Gould Farm staff for the past four years; the Rev. John Snow, now teaching at the Episcopal Seminary in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Executive Director of Gould Farm 1960-62; and Mrs. Sylvia Wyman, who was re-elected for six more years.

Ten Directors whose terms expired in 1977 were re-elected for another three-year term: Mrs. Ann Barrett of Sheffield; Dr. James Bell of Canaan, New York; the Rev. Paul Kennedy of Ridgefield, Connecticut; Mr. H. B. Pearl of Bayside, New York; and Mrs. Lois Winchester of Gould Farm. The Rev. Hampton Price of Dunstable, Massachusetts, was re-elected for one year to fill out the unexpired term of the Rt. Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes. Newly chosen Directors are the Rev. Virgil Brallier, who had rotated off the Board for one year; Mrs. Ruth Price of Dunstable, Massachusetts and the Rev. John Snow.

President Kennedy presided at these meetings. Mrs. John Davis Hatch of Lenox, Massachusetts, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented their report. The president appointed a committee for public relations, to consist of the Nominating Committee, with Kent Smith and Ed Dunlop as consultants and Mrs. Sally Kelly of Sheffield as chairman. The purpose of the committee is to acquaint persons nominated to be associates with the Farm, encouraging them to visit at any time; and also to draw in the associates to work more closely with the Farm.

The report of the Executive Director, Kent Smith, was read by him and will be mailed to those most interested. The committee on revision of the by-laws will report at a meeting of associates and directors May 21 and 22, 1978.

At the Directors' Meeting Janet West, a former volunteer who served on the staff for eight months, and who is now visiting the Farm, spoke enthusiastically about her experience here, as did Virgil Stucker. The treasurer reported, and also the finance committee. Other reports were heard and acted upon. The next Directors' Meeting will be held March 11, 1978.

About three weeks ago Virgil and Liz Stucker, former staff members, returned with their five-months-old son, Dominic, from a year in Germany. They received a warm welcome from all who knew them. Virgil looks forward to being a house-parent at the Farm's proposed halfway house, whenever that is established.

Mrs. Ruth Carr has been a patient at Fairview Hospital for several weeks. She seems to be gaining slowly. Mrs. Rose Jockwig left Gould Farm October 9 to live near her daughter and son-in-law in Reston, Virginia. She has contributed greatly to the musical life here, over a period of almost thirty years.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

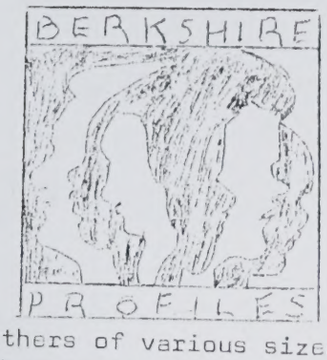
Monterey Grange observed Agriculture Night on October 21, with many entries in the vegetable, floral and baked goods contest. There were games, skits, quizzes and readings on agriculture. Judges were Florence Janes and Walter Janes from Great Barrington and Margaret White from Monterey.

On October 5 the duties of officers and the committees and projects were outlined. There was also a parcel post sale.

The next meeting will be on October 19, where the senior members of Monterey Grange will be honored, as well as neighboring granges.

Master John Lossin and Lecturer Mary Wallace will be the delegates to the State Convention at Chicopee October 26-28.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer



SUZANNE MAC IVER -- TOWN CLERK

Sue MacIver has been Town Clerk of Monterey since 1960. According to her, it is impossible to give a job description for Town Clerk. She keeps all Town records, births, deaths, marriages, minutes of Town Meetings, reports from the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals. In what used to be the dining room of her house, mingled with canning supplies and lawn furniture on its way to the basement, there are twelve full-sized file cabinets and sixteen others of various sizes. She issues fishing, hunting, dog and marriage licenses. She sends reports on all Town business to Boston. She says there's a lot of mail to answer, mostly queries about genealogy from people researching family trees.

Besides her job as Town Clerk, Sue is Head of the Board of Registrars of Voters in Monterey and has worked full time for the last ten years at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, handling three sets of books, running the bank and standing at the switchboard. Before that she was head bookkeeper at First Agricultural Bank in Great Barrington. First Aggie used to be the Mahaiwe Bank, and during the change-over Sue salvaged all the supplies destined for the dump. As a result of that quick move, she has never had to ask the Town for stationery. And while she was at it she bought the president's desk, a capacious and stately executive model, for $5.

Sue was born in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and grew up in Newport, Rhode Island, where her father managed the Viking Hotel. In 1944 her family bought Brookbend Inn in Monterey, and Sue worked as hostess in the dining room every summer. Monterey was flourishing as a tourist town in those days, and she remembers people renting bicycles built for two, having social affairs on the library lawn and attending square dances outside the Grange Hall. Everybody had tea and ice cream sodas at Nina and Della Tryon's tea room, listened to the juke box and danced till after dark.

In 1946 Sue attended LaSalle Junior College in Auburn, Massachusetts, and then enrolled in Aeronautical School to learn to man airport control towers. When the school cancelled her course due to inadequate enroll ment, she said, "to heck with education," and in 1951 accepted the proposal of John MacIver, whom she had known since he escorted her to her first Sunday School class when she was four and he was five. Theirs was the first wedding held in Brookbend Inn.

Sue and Jack moved to Boston. Then, having inherited a house in Newport, they decided to travel around the United States in order to decide where they wanted to settle down. They decided on Denver and put the Newport property on the market. Meanwhile, while Jack was taking a course in North Adams, Sue discovered a house on a hill on Route 23, Monterey, sat on the front porch for a while and realized that this was the place for her. There was nothing Jack could do. They bought the house, and she has been there ever since.

Jack was Postmaster in Monterey for about ten years before he died in 1969. Sue stays busy now with her work, with a garden that keeps her in vegetables all winter, with friends and with her pets, a parakeet who liked his mate so little that he banged her on the head for a few years until she gave up and died, a cat who leaves mouse parts in select places around the house and a dog who has developed elaborate rituals with Gainesburgers and dog biscuits.

Sue says that being Town Clerk in a small town is not without its high moments. Once the FBI came to her, tracking down a murderer. The Connecticut Police came looking for a bigamist, to whom Sue had just issued a marriage license. Doug Lyman always puts his flashing lights on just for laughs when he comes for his deer permit. On occasion, such as the one a few years ago when the dog warden was "drunk as a hoot," Sue goes out to confiscate lost dogs. She sometimes makes personal loans to people who can't afford fishing licenses. She remembers one fishing season when there were four cars in her driveway (by the way, one of the most precarious driveways in town), and a man drove up behind them all with a big boat and trailer on the back of his car. It was some trick getting everybody out of there and, on top of it all, the man with the boat had a broken leg.

Sue says a Town Clerk in any of the larger metropolises probably has nothing like the kind of experiences she has in Monterey. She intends to stay here, and she is happy to be Town Clerk for a while longer. Lucky us.

Ellen Blount

YOUTH NEWS -- continued

The first major project the group will be sponsoring will be the UNICEF Halloween celebration in Monterey.

The group is open to any and all Monterey youth in the 5th to 8th grade range. It is currently meeting on alternate Sundays, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. A search is on for additional leaders, so that the group can meet every Sunday.

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